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**James Monroe to Thomas Jefferson, February 15,  
1799, from Thomas Jefferson and James Monroe  
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Alb. Feby. 15. 1799.

Dear Sir

Yours of the 27 ulto. & that with the communication of Mr. Gerry I have recd. I suspect also the infidelity of the post tho' yr. letters give no cause for it apparently. But the game on foot, puts too much at stake with the principal gamblers, for them to lose any opportunity they possess to forward their views. I am much deceived if the Virga. resolutions &c are not the chief cause of the measures (of Govn) now depending with you. That as this may get into the hands of the greatest villains among us, it is well to say no more on this head.

I thank you for becoming responsible for the 50 or 100 dollrs. you mentioned you woud. play for me. Our accots. Generally we will settle when we meet. In addition to the books there is a small sum paid for you to Mr. LaMotte at Harve of wh. I have a note. Affecy. Dear sir I am yours.

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